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Alberta Wins Inter-Varsity Debating Championship

Canadian Constitution Not Wholly on B.N.A. Act

Chancellor Stuart Clears Up False Impressions About This Statute Speaks of Plan That Would Have Court of Final Appeal in Canada

"The Constitution Sixty Years After" was the title of a very interesting and instructive paper read by Hon. Justice C. A. Stuart, the Chancellor of the University, to the Philosophical Society last Wednesday.

Mr. Stuart pointed out that in spite of the many flowery declarations about the evolution of our relationship with Great Britain, there has been in the essentials no change at all during the last sixty years. There has been a certain change of attitude, the dignified superiority from one side of the ocean having become more a comradeship and loving anxiety.

Our attitude, too, has changed from a whispering humbleness to a sturdy self-consciousness, perhaps not without a certain danger of bumpiness. The Chancellor referred jestingly to the flowery chapters dealing with our constitutional relationships which are found at the

end of most text-books on the subject.

It is commonly thought that the Canadian Constitution is found in the B. N. A. Act, which is in reality only one of a series of statutes of the parliament of Great Britain, and contains less than one-half of our constitution. The attitude of the British towards it is summed up by Lord Haldane's statement regarding the statute of 1840 uniting Upper and Lower Canada, that "in 1867 the B. N. A. Act modified the constitution so established."

This Act did not, for instance, lay down the relation between the executive and legislative powers. Mr. Stuart emphasized the importance of this relation by explaining, in contrast, the system of a separate executive and legislature at present carried on in the United States. Our system is based on a statute of the reign of Queen Anne for the British Parliament, and depends on the Revised Statutes of Canada of 1906. The system in Alberta depends on the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922. It is then evident that we have no rigid constitution comparable with that of the United States.

Even the provinces have different origins for their constitutions. The constitution of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick rest upon the royal prerogative. Ontario and Quebec obtained theirs from the B. N. A. Act. The constitution of the prairie provinces depend upon dominion statutes, while the constitution of British Columbia is based upon orders-in-council of the United Kingdom.

The speaker next considered that portion of the common law which is also constitutional law—the "prerogative of the crown." This, said Mr. Stuart, is the portion of the constitution which is causing the

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SYMPHONY TO GIVE VARIED PROGRAM

Two Selections From English Composers Will Be Rendered at Concert of Feb. 17

Under the leadership of Mr. Henri Baron, the Symphony Orchestra will favor Edmontonians with an excellent program on Sunday evening next.

The opening number is the Overture to Verdi's opera "The Force of Destiny." This is one of Verdi's most popular works, and displays in an appealing manner the composer's gift of melody. It has no well-defined form as an overture, but the melodies are selected more or less from the opera itself.

The next number is the "Britannia" Overture by Sir Alexander Campbell MacKenzie, who has been the principal at the Royal Academy of Music, London, since 1894. The overture was first performed at a commemorative service at the Academy on May 17 of that year. It is a vigorous number—a fine work in every way.

In a lighter number on the program, Mr. Hendra appears in an effective viola solo.

To Sir Edward Elgar we are indebted for the composition, "From the Bavarian Highlands." Though originally composed for both chorus and orchestra, the vocal parts have been eliminated for this presentation. Elgar is the leading British composer of the present day, ranking with Sullivan and Purcell. This selection is one of his first works to become known, and it is through it that his reputation in England has been established, and his fame broadcast.

The "Indian Wedding Festival" should be of special interest to the audience, coming, as it does, from the pen of Maurice Baron, the son of the conductor of our Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Baron was born in Lille, France, and received his musical education at the Conservatory there. He now plays the viola in a New York orchestra, as well as being one of the principal arrangers for Schirmer's music house. The "Indian Wedding Festival" is a light number, characteristically Indian, cleverly written, and well orchestrated.

HYMN COMPETITION CLOSES SATURDAY

Winner of the \$10 Prize to Be Announced in Next Issue of Gateway

One o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 16, is the last date at which entries for the Alma Mater Hymn Competition can be received. These should be dropped in the Contributor's box at The Gateway office, addressed to Competition Editor, or handed to one of the committee.

All entries will be turned over to the judges, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Salter, Miss Armstrong and Mr. Cormack, who will decide upon the winner, who will receive the \$10 prize offered by Mr. Flack. The judges' decision will be announced in the next issue of The Gateway, along with a copy of the hymn chosen.

While the prize in this competition can only be awarded to a student or graduate of the University of Alberta, it is hoped that others will be encouraged to hand in MSS. also for the approval of the judges, as the winning hymn in the competition will not be officially adopted if a better one can be obtained.



JAMES MAHAFFY

Alberta debater, who helped to defeat the Manitoba team by a 3-2 score Thursday.

MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE TO DINE IN ATHABASCA

The students in residence are to have the pleasure of entertaining the members of the provincial legislature at dinner in Athabasca Hall on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The members will spread out and sit at the different tables throughout the dining hall, and the students may invite any of the members they wish to sit at their tables. Dinner will be followed by brief speeches from the leaders of the House, after which a tour of the University will be made.

Students are expected to do everything they can to make the visit as pleasant as possible, and are asked to assist by accompanying the guests after dinner on the tour of the buildings.

DRAMAT TAKEN TO ANCIENT GREECE

Large Audience Treated to Interesting Selections From Greek Drama

The scene for Monday's meeting of the Dramatic Society was laid in Ancient Greece at the time when the gods walked the earth, and the oracles made strange prophecies.

Dr. Alexander, at the beginning of the meeting, outlined the plot of Oedipus Tyrannus, a tragedy of Sophocles, written in 429 B.C. A scene from this play was presented by Miss Mary Manson as Jocasta, and Mr. Frank Reade as Oedipus. The original Greek was used throughout, so these students are to be congratulated on their mastery of the language, and also on their splendid interpretation of the scene, which enabled the audience to follow the sense of the dialogue, although in a language unknown to most.

Miss Helen Armstrong next read a paper entitled, "The Effect of the Greek Religion on the Conventions of the Drama," in which she traced the change of the drama from its religious beginning to its later secular status.

Mr. R. P. Alexander's paper on "The Effect of Theatrical Machinery on the Conventions of the Drama," explained, among other things, how the actors were enabled to fly about gracefully above the stage by means of artifices.

Dr. Hardy sketched the development of Greek comedy through its main stages—the old, the middle and the new comedy, and gave the context of the scene from Aristophanes' "The Frogs," which was presented. This scene had been translated into the most colloquial English, and much merriment was caused when such things as "Jewett Specials," "Junior Tests" and "Mr. Salter's Poetry" were casually mentioned at the gate to Hades. (Please distinguish the modern significance of the term from the ancient one.) Those taking part were the Misses Dobry, Little and Toby, and Messrs. L. Hyndman, J. M. Wells and D. MacKenzie. This scene was prepared by Dr. Hardy.

The use of Greek costumes added much to the success of the scenes, and their artistic effect was due to the efforts of Dr. Misener.

SHOULD STUDENTS' UNION FEES BE RAISED?

At the next meeting of the Debating Society, on Monday, Feb. 18, the Medical and Arts Faculties will meet in a debate which should be of great interest to every member of the Students' Union.

The subject to be debated is: "Resolved, that the Students' Union fees be raised to admit all students to all dramatic and athletic activities without extra charge." This is a question which has been the subject of much controversy for some time among students here, and the expediency of such a change should be well brought out in the debate Monday.

Saskatchewan Debaters Defeated in Close Contest

Alberta Team Successful in Showing That Compulsory Arbitration is Preferable to Present Methods of Settling Industrial Disputes

The large crowd which filled Convocation Hall on Friday evening listened to an unusually brilliant debate, when Mr. Bryan and Mr. O'Brien met and defeated Messrs. Davidson and McLellan from Saskatchewan. With this success came the McGoun Cup, for by virtue of a double victory, one here and one at Manitoba, Alberta gained eight points, while Saskatchewan, her nearest rival, had seven.

The debate was certainly one of the finest ever heard at the University; the four speakers showed a thorough grasp of the whole subject, and the arguments contained in all the speeches were skilfully marshalled and effectively presented. The subject was: "Resolved, that Canada should establish permanent courts for the compulsory arbitration of all industrial disputes in employment affected with the public interest—constitutionality granted."

Struggle Between Labor and Capital

Mr. Bryan's opening speech was a model of careful reasoning. His first duty was to interpret whatever expressions in the resolution might give rise to difference of opinion. By rapidly sketching the growth of power of the employers during the last century, and the rise of trade unionism to check that power, he showed that the seriousness of industrial disputes has been gradually increasing.

Then he dealt briefly with the losses occasioned by strikes. Lack of continuity in production, he showed, was costly to the employers. The cost of the strike as a weapon of labor is enormous, and periods of idleness inculcate the most dangerous habits of law-breaking. Dealing with the loss suffered by the public, Mr. Bryan was very direct. "No plea of the righteousness of its cause can excuse criminal acts. To protect the vast majority of our people we have a right to say that industrial war shall cease."

He then turned to modern tendencies in industrial relations, showing how the interests of capital and labor inevitably clash in the division of the wealth their mutual effort had created. As a result of this clash hatred develops between the two classes. The speaker found it hard to predict the ultimate result, but he pointed to the outcome in Russia and Italy.

Mr. Bryan maintained that compulsory arbitration is the solution that society tends to evolve, during a parallel in the development of our law courts. The principle of substituting law for brute force should be introduced in industrial disputes. In closing, he reminded the audience that compulsory arbitration should be used only as a last resort, and that all other forms of conciliation and mediation have their place.

Arbitration a Risky Experiment

Mr. Davidson, who opened the debate for the negative, proved himself

MR. CORBETT NEXT SUNDAY'S SPEAKER

"Two Stories of Damascus" is the subject of the related addresses which will be given by special request by Mr. E. A. Corbett, secretary of the Department of Extension, at the next two Sunday services, February 17 and 24. Few speakers at Convocation Hall are more intimately or sympathetically in touch with student religious thinking than Mr. Corbett, and his addresses are generally of more than ordinary appeal to the student body.

TWO COMEDIES FOR MED NIGHT

Frolic to Be Held February 15—Interfaculty Rivalry Promises to Be Keen

The Meds annual celebration is fast approaching, and under the management of Ted Johnson promises to eclipse anything that the past has had to offer.

Two sparkling comedies under the capable direction of Kingsley McDonald and Mark Levey, provide the chief feature of the evening, and former attendants of Med Nite will have an opportunity of again seeing their favorite stars of last year in addition to the newer luminaries.

Built around this nucleus are a number of novel features—products of the ingenuity of several versatile workers. Interfaculty rivalry is at its keenest, and the various cheer clubs are experiencing a period of great and exciting activity in preparation for the night.

All in all, a unique entertainment awaits those who attend Convocation Hall Friday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m.

a very attractive speaker, and won his audience completely. He first outlined in detail the enormity of the task confronting the affirmative, and indicated where the negative attack was to be directed.

After pointing out the essential features of compulsory arbitration, he proceeded to examine its record in countries in which it had already been adopted. The speaker declared that it had been given a fair trial in that most highly socialized state, Australia, but that it had failed dismally. He used a wealth of statistics to support his assertions. Mr. Davidson then dealt with the famous Kansas Court, claiming that public opinion had turned against the whole scheme within a few months. England, too, the speaker said, had discarded the system.

Mr. Davidson further maintained that social sanction for compulsory arbitration was lacking in Canada, and challenged his opponents to find any mention whatever of the subject in Hansard. Moreover, he claimed labor and capital were both opposed to the system, being doubtful of the expediency of any sort of government intervention in industrial disputes. The speaker pointed out another difficulty in the way of com-

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JOHN CASSELS

Who successfully represented Varsity in the debates at Winnipeg on Thursday.

AGGIES WIN FROM LAW IN DEBATE

Succeed in Showing "Nationalization of Banking System" Best For Canada

It augured well for the future of the Agricultural party in the field of politics, when Messrs. Johns and Anderson, debaters for the Aggie faculty, defeated Messrs. Turcotte and Jones, the Law representatives, at the meeting of the debating society last Monday.

The affirmative side of the question, "The Nationalization of Canadian Banks," was upheld by the Aggie team, Mr. Johns, the leader, speaking first. He pointed out that owing to amalgamation there were now fourteen instead of thirty-six chartered banks, as there had been originally. The benefits of this amalgamation should, he said, be for the people, and advocated that this be accomplished by nationalization.

Mr. Turcotte, in attacking nationalization, cited the case of Australia, which had nationalized banks, but which nevertheless showed partiality towards the government and capitalists, heavily mortgaging the farmers.

Mr. Anderson, for the affirmative, demonstrated the advantages of a scheme which would pay dividends to the country rather than a few shareholders, which would lessen the number of branch institutions and make more satisfactory the note issue.

Mr. Jones, last speaker for the negative, ridiculed the resolution, designating it as the old cry of socialism, but as a scheme where the corrupt politician would have an ample field for exploitation.

Mr. D. S. McKenzie, in judging the debate, rendered an excellent and helpful criticism. It was announced that the next debate in the interfaculty series would be held on Monday, Feb. 18th, being between Arts and Medicine.

READING GIVEN BY BLISS CARMAN

Canada's Poet Renders Selected Poems—Reads Three Works, As Yet Unpublished

On Thursday evening at the Convocation Hall, Bliss Carman, hailed as Canada's greatest poet, gave a reading of selected poems to a large and appreciative audience of students and townspeople.

The first group of poems consisted of three as yet unpublished works. The opening verses were called "The Spring Song of Wowah"—the wild goose. The lines describe the coming of spring and the northward flight of the wild geese.

The second poem had its inspiration in British Columbia, where the author saw a little clearing, high up in the wooded mountains, that had been used by the Kootenay Indians in their ceremonial of initiating their youths to manhood. There the Indian youngsters spent a night's vigil, in self-communion and prayer to Manitou.

They believed that any animal that appeared to them during this watch would have special protective powers over their lives. On their side of the contract the Indian youths bound themselves over never to harm a member of that species. This was "The Truce of Manitou," and the poem of the same title describes the young Indian's lonely vigil, and the appearance to him of a herd of moose, whose patriarchal leader extends to him the protection of "the moose his kin," and prophesies the qualities that are to be his.

The third poem by the group deals with the age-old myth of the City of Shamballa that lies hidden in the wastes of the Gobi Desert.

Theosophists interpret this myth by saying that there exists a city, populated by great superhuman spirits. By these destinies of the world are controlled, and from the walls of Shamballa issues, every now and again, a little group of wise men who carry the torch of knowledge to the far corners of the earth.

The second group consisted of seven nature poems, the majority of which were old favorites. Then followed a group of poems which have as yet appeared only in the Daily Press of Vancouver.

The first, "A Message of the Plains," describes the poet looking out over the shimmering stretches of the gold stubbled prairie, near the University of Saskatchewan, and in the haze seeing a vision of a caravan of prairie schooners. The poet then sees the cities that are to come with their stately buildings and with the laughter of happy children in their homes. The vision fades. He turns around—

And there all round about me, real in the noonday sun, Stood Houses of Learning and Beauty—the vision's fulfillment begun.

Dr. Carman then read a very old but very strong favorite—"The Ships of Yule." This was followed by "The Rivers of Canada," and the concluding lyric, "Lord of the Far Horizon."

Dean Kerr then made a short but complimentary speech, and was followed by Wilfred Wees, who said that it will be the proud boast of the Literary Association of the U. of A. that they had at one time entertained Bliss Carman.

Before and between the readings the audience was delighted by Miss Helen Armstrong, who sang "Donny Boy," by Byron F. Tanner who sang "Little Mother of Mine," and by Gerald Shapter, who favored the audience with violin selections.

ESSAY CONTEST ON NORTHERN CANADA

Two Competitions Announced With Cash Prizes Totalling \$3,000

With the purpose in view of promoting interest in what are erroneously called the "Barren Lands" of the Canadian North, an essay competition on the general subject of "Canada North of the Fifty-sixth Parallel of Latitude," has been inaugurated in the east. Sir William Price, of Quebec, and His Honour Sir James Aikins, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, have offered cash prizes of \$1,000 each, and in addition there has been a second prize of \$500 donated by A. J. T. Taylor, of Toronto.

The competition has been divided into two parts, for the first of which only University students are allowed to enter. The second is open to the general public. In each division there will be a first prize of \$1,000 and a second prize of \$500.

This announcement should prove particularly interesting to graduates and undergraduates of the University of Alberta. Many students and graduates have had unusually good opportunities to obtain first-hand impressions of the north, and there is considerable information available in the publications of the Dominion Department of the Interior and independent writers.

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OUR DEBATING SUCCESS

The Gateway, on behalf of the whole student body, congratulates the debaters on their well merited victory over the teams of the Universities of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The members of the team worked very hard in preparing for the debates, and their success is the deserved result of many hours of laborious study, and much credit is due them for the finished arguments which they presented. The championship carried with it the right to hold the new McGoun cup for one year, and it should be particularly gratifying to Professor McGoun that the Alberta team should be the first to win the trophy.

The University has not been represented by such a strong team for years, and this has been, to a considerable degree, the result of the keener interest taken in debating this year. President Mackay is to be especially congratulated in this regard, for the winning of the championship has been only the culmination of an unusually successful season in the Debating Society. The members of the faculty, also, have been most generous with their assistance, and the debaters were greatly aided by the criticisms and advice of these gentlemen.

The success this year of the team should firmly establish debating as one of the major activities of the University, and to be a member of the team representing the University should be one of the highest honors to which any student can aspire. We have now something to fight for and defend, and there is no reason why, if the same spirit is shown, the McGoun cup should not be kept within our walls for many a long year to come.

BOOKING DANCES

Mr. McMillan, the sponsor of the resolution in regard to booking dances, takes issue with us on the editorial published last week on this question.

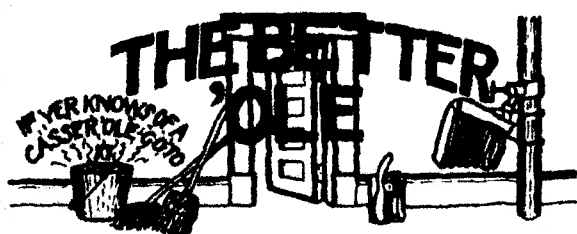
Despite the arguments which he advances, we are still of the opinion that the resolution is impracticable of application. It does not go to the root of the trouble, for as long as the dance committees continue to hand out programs in advance of the dance, booking of dances cannot be prevented. We are, however, by no means convinced that the practise is a bad one, and if confined to the two or three days during which programs are available previous to the dance, the matter would be satisfactory, we believe, to the majority. If, however, Mr. McMillan is determined to go "whole hog or none," the resolution should be rescinded, and one substituted which is watertight and can be enforced.

SUPPORT THE BASKETBALL TEAM

It is to be hoped that the men's basketball team will secure the heartiest support of the students, in the games which they will soon be playing for the provincial championship. We have undoubtedly one of the finest basketball teams in Western Canada right here in the University, and with the support of the fans great things may be expected of them. The first game of the semi-finals is on Thursday evening.

MR. McMILLAN'S CRITICISM

Mr. McMillan criticizes The Gateway for publishing an editorial which, he says, is not in keeping with the usual policy followed in supporting the principles of student government. This statement arises from a misconception as to the function of a University paper. The Gateway exists for the benefit of the student body, and it has always felt free to criticize anything which goes on about the University. We should be failing in our duty if we believed that a resolution passed by the Union was wrong, and yet said nothing about it. Should this right of criticism, even of the Union, be denied us, one of the fundamental pre-requisites of student self-government would be removed.

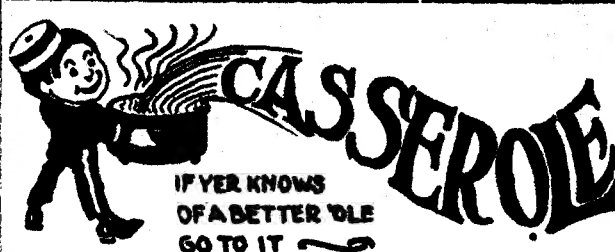


The Varsity Debate

Convocation Hall was the scene of an unusually interesting debate on Friday, the 8th, and a subject of greatest interest to all concerned. The resolution read, "Resolved: That all residents of Pembina, with the possible exception of members of the staff there dwelling, be compelled by legislation thereunto and for that purpose enacted, and in the interests of peace, prosperity and the pursuit of happiness, to dine in Athabasca with the animals." The chair was occupied by Mr. De Mille.

The first speaker, Mr. Bryan, explained the motion, not, as he said, with any purpose of reflecting upon the intelligence of the audience, but in order to make it clear to the negative. Going on, he described the sad condition which exists today in residential circles, showed that mutual guarantees are necessary before an amicable settlement can be reached, and declared that the abolition of noise, vulgarity and puppy-love depends upon bringing into Athabasca the refinements of home life.

In opening the debate for the negative, Mr. Cassels tried to show that the whole movement was wrong in principle. He outlined the growth of co-ed movements with the purpose of showing that there has been a constant decrease in ed. caused by the constant increase co. "The tide which is marching us into a social anarchy," he declared, "must be brushed aside like snow before a chinook, lest we kneel like the prophet of old before another Balaam's ass."



When we think of dishing up to the public the hash that accumulates in this unwashed pot, we summon the nineteen drops of blood that trickle round our senile frame, and let them mount to our withered cheek.

"Ole Bill is right. Casserole is as feeble as a drop-sical elephant."

But there was a story circulating the other day about a girl—no, conscience forbids. The tooth of discretion bites the tongue of scandal.

How Doth the Little Duisy Bean?

"When does the Dean Boyle?"
"When I'm Rankin low."

Alack! The Lack

No feathers on a whale,
No fur upon a snake;
No wings for Mr. Snail,
And hens can't swim a lake.
There are no fins or cranes,
No scales for sister flea;
And I—I have no brains
And profs no sympathy.

The chorus of the Maid of the Mountains sounded like murder on the high C's.

Winter Crops

Handsome Youth — "What do you do all night, long, Jack?"
Watchman of the Night—"Inspect mushrooms."

After senior tests the moth of procrastination will be drawn into the flame of resolutions, around whose flickering light it has fluttered all year.

All is not rum that rumbles.

Whispering Echoes of the Past

Helen Armstrong celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday afternoon, January 31, when she entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Armstrong. (From the Great Falls, Montana, Tribune.)

On htis gokl we htought we wuold usethe our xx* typewriter, but its been solongs ince . ? we tried it htat we alomts forget howb to use ti, so ffar it seems to lok liek hte; achine was tongueu tide or had a kleft palate (htere htat wirts rht or some, thing. Alhtough i donnot haveto use hte ?unt and pwck mehtod altogether htere so one good faeture about ti hte keys dont hchange hteir positionevery five days? 2nd besides ti wont m ake any diffi erence hwether jimmy reads the proof ro not?

A Little Help, Please

The jokes pour into this column like glue. The other day we found one on the desk, and the editor says it is so old he first read it in Hieroglyphics. We didn't like to ask where that magazine was published, but guessed it must be pretty rotten. Work the tweezers overtime and draw one out.

Which, again, reminds one of the Maid of the Mountains. In the words of a brilliant contemporary, it wasn't rotten enough to be wonderful and too good to be fair.

Those who didn't skip their lab. with Charlie Warren to attend the Dramat Monday afternoon missed the most realistic piece of pantomime in years. Doc Alexander issued forth from the regions of the river Styx as the god of Hades, with Miss Misener his sepulchritudinous queen.

Not Bad Any Weigh

Dawson: "What's weighing on your mind, Eric?"
Stuart: "Do you think my mind a set of scales?"
Dawson: "Not exactly. Scales are evenly balanced."

Greenberg, one of our ancients, claims to be a Knight of the Bath. Forsoothe, one might ask: what night?

He concluded his stirring speech with a warm denunciation of ed. and a bitter eulogium of co. "It is ed.," he brayed, "who will save our country, our stamina and our personal liberties. It is co. who will destroy them. Give no further hostage to the foe lest in the backwash of that mighty torrent you and your ancient privileges be snuffed out like a rat in the talons of a mouse-trap."

Continuing for the affirmative, Mr. O'Brien called the scheme a panacea whose effect upon our institutions would be irremediable. He conceded magnanimously to the negative that under weirdly hypothetical conditions the effects might be remedied, and brought forth figures to show that in Saskatchewan, under this system of compulsory co-educational dining, the loss in wasted buns had decreased in eight years from 91% to 9%. In Manitoba the system was so eminently practicable that co. and ed. mutually conflicted in perfect harmony and peace like unto Utopia.

Mr. Mahaffy immediately attacked the figures used by Mr. O'Brien, and declared that in Manitoba the system was not only not in force, but that it had destroyed the morale of the whole student body and caused the disastrous situation of 1915, when newspapers and milk deliveries were suspended, and doctors had to call in nurses to attend patients in hospital. He went on to say that the per capita loss in Saskatchewan for ruined gowns and physical injuries to the ladies was alarming, if not highly commendable.

In rebuttal all four speakers accused each other promiscuously of juggling both facts and figures. The judges became quickly infected, and after a wild and chaotic deliberation, pronounced the debate a tie in favor of both parties. The audience, after singing the new Varsity hymn, "Pamba Night, My Pamba Night," departed in the greatest of ill humor to their various domiciles.

'OLE BILL.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:—As the mover of the motion regarding the booking of dances, to which you referred editorially in your last issue, I feel that a reply is necessary.

To blame this motion for any part of the financial failure, or near failure, of the Undergrad seems to be going beyond the bounds of probability. The third paragraph of your editorial practically admits that the time of filling programs did not influence the attendance at this dance. I have heard students refuse to go to dances because of the inconvenience and spending of time necessitated by the filling of a program, or perhaps two programs, before the time of the dance, but I have yet to hear of anyone, who really wanted to go, refusing to do so on account of having to fill his or her program at the dance.

With regard to your statement that the application of this resolution is impracticable: the number of dances at which the practice of filling programs ahead of time is followed is a very, very small fraction of the total number of dances which take place in any community, many of which are of just as high a standard as the dances at the University. The system of booking ahead has only been in general use here for about two years, and before that time the system which this motion aimed to re-institute was found quite practicable and satisfactory to the majority of the students.

Your assertion that "the few more conscientious ones" had to be contented with half-filled programs is not borne out by the facts, as far as I could observe them, at the dance. I know some of these "conscientious ones," and can state that they did not have to be contented with half-filled programs as a consequence of this motion.

I think that the "unsatisfactory eleventh hour situation" and the "feverish last minute rush" would have been avoided had the arrangements at the Undergrad been made so that the dancers had a few minutes in the ball-room before the first dances, instead of having, as was actually the case, the orchestra start playing for the first dance before a large number of the dancers had even had an opportunity to meet the patronesses.

In regard to the possibility of the purpose of making it a matter of etiquette not to fill programs before a certain date, this entire matter is, I think, a case of "whole hog or none," and your solution cannot be applied with fairness to all concerned, particularly in the case of those dances to which persons not attending the University are invited.

In view of the fact that this motion was passed by quite a substantial majority at a regular meeting of the Students' Union, the tone of your editorial seems to me to be out of keeping with the usual policy followed in the editorial column in supporting the principles of student government.

I realize that much more can be said on both sides of this question, and, accordingly, I have confined myself briefly to the points raised in your article. I will, however, take this opportunity of absolutely denying the allegations, which have reached me indirectly, that in getting this motion passed, I "packed the meeting," or used "railroading" tactics. Such was not the case; in fact, I had not even arranged to have the motion seconded.

Yours truly,
JAMES McMILLAN.

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:—The near financial failure of the Undergrad "may, in part, be attributed to the depressing effect created by the recent resolution of the Students' Union, which advised that no dances be booked until the evening of the function."

I agree with you. It may; and it also may not.

The whole tenor of your editorial last week was somewhat misplaced. The confusion of the last minute rush in the ball-room, the impossible situation created, the conscientious ones with half-filled programs, are all figments of the editorial imagination. That such a resolution is not impracticable of application was proven before our worthy editors ever came to Varsity. As for the substitute suggested, a matter of etiquette not to fill programs before a certain date, the editors are talking about something that really is impractical. In short, they are merely trying to evade the issue.

Until some two years ago programs were never issued until the dancers actually arrived at the ball-room. Sometimes they were not given out until the ticket holders were actually on the floor, and had paid their respects to the patronesses. Under these impossible conditions, which it was demonstrated, could not exist, and where a good time could not conceivably had, I actually enjoyed myself. I am not speaking of one dance, but of two or three years, during which I attended all the major functions.

As for saying that a few conscientious ones did not fill their programs, I can say definitely that this few was not my idea of a few, but of a considerable number. I know a number of boys who did not fill their programs. I also danced with some fifteen girls. I engaged my dances after I reached Athabasca Hall, and of my partners I can recollect only one who had her program filled, or even well started, beforehand.

I am thoroughly in accord with the resolution of the Union, but would suggest that the editorial policy should back public opinion.

Yours truly,
F. S. FISHER.

ALBERTA WINS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP

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pulsory arbitration—that of enforcing awards. He showed how absurd it is to undertake to imprison ten thousand workers or even to fine them. Australia has failed in this respect in her compulsory arbitration laws.

A Scheme For Enforcement
Mr. O'Brien resumed the debate for the affirmative. He first outlined a definite system of compulsory arbitration, using the law courts, to some extent, as a model. Three judges, each of whom should be appointed for life, should constitute a court. Dealing with the question of the enforcement of awards, he saw no great difficulty in the way, because compulsory arbitration means continuity of industry; the employer will support it; because it

MEANING OF BIBLE FIELD FOR DEBATE

Truth Gained with Study—Greek Text and Contemporary History Clarify Difficulties

The speaker at Convocation Hall last Sunday was Rev. James Short, of Olds. He spoke of the agitation that is going on in the religious life of the world today between the Fundamentalists and Modernists.

One line of continual argument and debate is the question, "What do the Scriptures mean, or what is the Bible?" We commonly regard the King James version as the authorized version, and the inspired word of God. But this version is a translation of many manuscripts, and not even the most authoritative manuscripts, as many such have since come to light. Since all the original manuscripts of the Bible have been lost, there is no value in debate on which is the most authoritative version. It is only by the painful process of study and examination that we can get near the real truth.

It is very easy to make mistakes in translation if contemporary history is not considered. The speaker pointed out several examples of such mistakes, and showed what a difference a small error in translation may make.

To get the true meaning we should really study the Greek text of the Bible, or at least have a book that explains the different passages that are difficult to understand. The great thing is that out of the Bible we catch the spirit of Jesus, and realize to some extent his wonderful personality. That is Fundamentalism, and it is also intensely modern.

most in times of depression, the laborer will support it.

But even if either capital or labor refused to accept a decision of the court, means could be found to enforce the decision, declared Mr. O'Brien, and he proceeded to outline certain policies which other nations had adopted against recalcitrants.

The speaker then drew arguments for compulsory arbitration from Australia's experience. A comparison of the per capita income in Australia and Canada showed much greater prosperity in the former country.

In conclusion, Mr. O'Brien said that the passing of the law, which the affirmative was supporting, would not mean the immediate cessation of all strikes and all industrial troubles. Such would pre-suppose perfection. But the affirmative did feel that many of the ills of industry today could be cured by the introduction of compulsory arbitration, and that therefore, being an improvement, it was the duty of the state to adopt such a system.

Principle Is Wrong

Mr. McLellan then spoke for the negative. In answer to Mr. O'Brien's criticism that the modern methods fail to settle all strikes, he declared that compulsory arbitration would not settle all strikes either. He maintained that compulsory arbitration is wrong in principle.

It is wrong in the first place because it is directed against strikes without reference to their causes, and strikes, being purely symptoms of industrial unrest, are frequently

CANADIAN CONSTITUTION NOT WHOLLY ON THE B. N. A. ACT

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most difficulty, and out of which the great problem of our future position is going to arise. The B. N. A. Act did not create a union for executive purposes; there always was such a union. The office of governor-general existed before Confederation.

Most of our difficulties regarding the limits of dominion or provincial powers are settled ultimately by reference to the king's prerogative. The royal prerogative is perhaps most important in our external affairs. The king alone can declare war, neither the British nor the Canadian parliament having any power to make war or peace.

The king, of course, acts upon the advice of his ministers, and therefore the choice of these advisers is of paramount importance. In considering the question of a Canadian ambassador at Washington, the trouble really arises because the king cannot be everywhere, and it is only natural that he seeks the advice of those ministers nearest him. The king is absolutely essential to the maintenance of political connection between the colonies and Great Britain, said the speaker.

Mr. Stuart considered also the question of legal appeals. In his original kingdom, the king set up courts and granted to the people the right of appeal to the king in parliament. After the trouble in the Channel Islands, dominions were given the right to appeal to the king in privy council. The suggestion has been made that if advisable the question of legal appeals can be settled without disturbing the royal prerogative, because the king has a privy council in Canada.

In conclusion, Justice Stuart urged his hearers to look beyond the B. N. A. Act for an understanding of our constitution, and for the solution of future external relations.

warranted by conditions; secondly, because it attempts to fix wages and economic conditions by law, but has actually no control over the natural laws governing these conditions; thirdly, because industrial disputes often involve a non-arbitrable principle, and in such a case any attempt at settlement by compulsory arbitration does more harm than good; finally, because it is illogical and impolitic.

Mr. McLellan asserted that although government involves the principle of compulsion, such compulsion is always based upon the consent of the governed. He used numerous examples to illustrate the fact that in compulsory arbitration, the compulsion is applied without the previous consent.

Under the rules of the debate, each speaker was allowed a few minutes for rebuttal, and in all four cases the brief time allotted was used to the best possible advantage. Mr. McGoun acted as chairman, and the five judges were: Hon. Mr. Justice Stuart, Dr. Dickie, Senator Griesbach, Mr. W. T. Henry, and Mr. J. T. Ross.

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.

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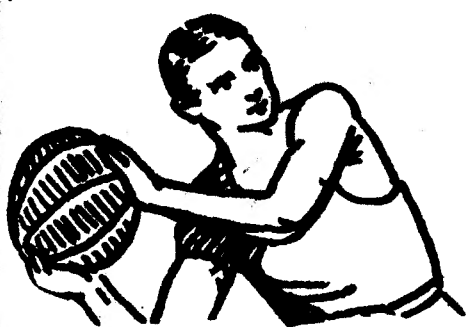
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The first team got away with both teams hitting merry clip. Camrose started two of their subs on the attacking line, as Johnson

Referee—Harold Deeton.

Goal Summary

First Period

No score.

Second Period

Varsity—Power, 14:00.

Third Period

Varsity—Coupez, 5:00.
Camrose—Stewart, 5:00.
Varsity—Coupez, :45.
Camrose—Joe Hanson, 4:30.

Penalties

Varsity—Lawton (2), Williams.
Duggan.
Camrose—Marker, Adam.
(All penalties 2 minutes each.)

Saturday night's game revealed a good combination machine, backed up with scoring ability. They were not seriously extended at any part of the game, but Frances Alexander turned in a brilliant performance with eight field baskets, accounting for 16 points out of her team's total of 25. The Centrals divided the

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Referee—Chet English.

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The junior tests have come and gone, and loud lamentations are heard on every hand. In fact, the third year have suggested that Mechanics should be done away with, as being entirely superfluous and beyond the scope of the average student.

Don't forget Med Nite, gang. The name is somewhat of a misnomer, as the part played by the Meds is purely secondary to the real fun of the evening provided by the other faculties. It is the one night of the year when faculty vies with faculty, and noise is king.

The following appeared some time ago in an American engineering periodical. Perhaps some of the brilliant X-chasers and slide rule artists will recognize in it either themselves or someone that they knew, in the good old days in the bush or on the bald-headed prairie.

STAKING OUT.

"What is that, Mother?" "Tis the rod-man, my child, His footsteps are weary, his accents are wild, His hair, how disordered! His eyeballs, how bleary! And see where his necktie hangs under his ear."

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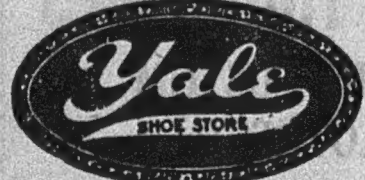
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It'll do. Perhaps the contractor will swear. But no difference; we're the big dog in this fight.

No matter what's wrong, just swear it's all right.
A contractor don't know a beefsteak from a bone.
Now pick up your tools and let's pull out for home."

AGRICULTURE

Lowell Doughty has written from Berkeley, California, giving his impressions of life at a university which has a student enrollment of nine thousand. Between seminars and research work Lowell is a very busy fellow; nevertheless, he finds time to enjoy from the hills behind the campus, the lovely vista of the bay of San Francisco. We are very pleased to know he remembers his old faculty.

Last week Dr. Wyatt addressed the members of an irrigation short course held at Lethbridge. His lecture in no small way helped to make the course an unequalled success.

Come on, old sod busters, a little more support from the rink side will go a long way in helping our hockey team harvest the points.

The Civil Service dance held in the legislature building was a decided success from our point of view. Some of the other faculties wonder if the Aggies had a monopoly on the invitations.

We welcome the return of L. B. to our ranks. He seems none the worse of his sojourn in hospital.

PHARMACY

The address given by Mr. Peacock to the Pharmacy Club is one which all thoughtful students would do well to digest. The problems confronting the young druggist as a business man were clearly outlined, and a careful study of these will no doubt prove beneficial to him in his business career.

Prof. Dunn (in toxicology lecture)—Of course, it does not follow that if you see a man with a vacant expression, you should rush up and try artificial respiration on him.

Shapter—No, he might be a Med student.

There is no truth in the report that Johnnie Bowers is about to forsake the mortar and pestle for a career in the ring. On being interviewed by The Gateway reporter, Mr. Bowers admitted that he had been approached by Tex Rickard, but had decided not to forsake his course in Pharmacy for ring honors. Budding pharmacists may breathe a sigh of relief that "Rough House Bowers" is still in our midst.

Hold your hats, folks, we're away! Where to? Why, Med Nite, of course. The good ship Pharmacy, ably piloted by Frank Lee and his trusty crew, Bill Stothers, Johnny Claxton, Gerry Shapter and Jack Markle, with Jerry for the jolly old cheer-leader, is certainly going to be there with a bang, or, more properly speaking, several loud hilarious bangs. If any of you Pharmacy Phellies are troubled with brilliant imaginations, get 'em working and pass the result along to any of the above committee. Let's go!

MEDICINE

Med Antics

It will be of interest to the Meds to hear that Dr. Minnich is, at the present time, in the Pathological Department of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

Archie—"Gee, ain't I musical?"
Alec Arsenew—"The only thing musical about you is your feet, and they're flat."

All the Meds are enshrouded in mystery and too busy to talk. Enthusiasm for the

big night, Feb. 15th, has reached fever heat. If hard work can give you a good time, you will have it. A double-header of plays is being put on in addition to the other features, which alone would assure you a wonderful evening. Every Varsity student says he could not miss it for a Rhodes scholarship.

For many long years the famous poet Mah Jongg has written wonderful verse. He himself admits it, but he states that he has found many people too narrow-minded to coincide with his opinion. Since Med Antics published one of his works his fame and popularity have been spontaneous. The following is one of his Mother Goose rhymes:

If you can tell the doc when'er he asks you
Just where the otic ganglion lies,
And not be greeted on your answer

With mild enquiry in the doctor's eyes:
If in the sea of pancreatic sections,
Your way to Isles of Langerhans you know,

Or taking 17 mm. series,
From arch to arch triumphant you can go:

If being given amino acid,
You lead it by the nose with its peculiar ring;

Or given an axe and chunk of nuclea protein,
You cleave across and down and proper label pin;

If you can take a dream in Freudian manner,
And complex after complex think you find;

Or take the line of least resistance,
And lead it in and out of conscious mind.

If you can bear your cross of twenty sections,
Traced, labelled, neat, and knowing which is which;

If up its proper tract you run an impulse,
And never ditch it at a flying switch;

If you can show in jocular pulsing's tracing
Three flows, three dams, when once the cycle's run;

You'll be a doc (but no one would believe it),
And what's more, you'll be a shock, my son.

Is it the fact that Doc Jackson is baching that makes him wear that broad grin?

We'll see you Med Nite.

ARTS

Come on, Arts, and play hockey. We have McLaren's personal statement that we are going to win some games from now on, so we give notice to the other faculties that they had best be prepared for the worst.

We would all like to congratulate Johnnie Casella and Jimmie Mahaffy on their recent victory against Manitoba in the Inter-Varsity Debate at Winnipeg. Everyone knows both of them, and we are proud to have Johnnie as a member of our Arts faculty. It is also to be noted that Geo. Bryan, who debated at home, is an Arts graduate.

Professor MacDonald is much gratified since discovering that his whole class in Philosophy II is aware of the manner in which a child comes to perceive an orange as an orange. He is beginning to wonder, however, if children ever perceive anything other than an orange. All evidence in the recent test seems to have been to the negative.

Scene: Before the pearly gates.
Time: Judgment Day.
Sinner: Bill Deane.
Angel Gabriel (sadly): "In what manner has this innocent-looking youth offended?"
St. Peter: "By splitting an infinitive!"

ALBERTA COLLEGE

Varsity has an enthusiastic debating fan fan in Red McEwen. He determined to get a good seat, so went over at 4:30. That is showing a real Varsity spirit.

The Matrics are preparing for their annual Matric Nite, and getting things well under way.

The fourth floor has been strangely quiet during test week. It is a shame the tests don't come oftener, at least for second year Arts and Law.

Johnnie Giffen was a breakfast visitor in the College Friday morning. Probably he needed some real brain food before organic.

Laycock is my prof. I shall not study. He maketh me to conjugate verbs, He leadeth me to Varsity, He guideth me in Inglis and Prettyman. Yea, though I shall sleep through his lectures, I shall wake up when it is over, For he is with me, Thy smile and thy frown shall discomfort me;

Thou preparast an exam. for me in the presence of my co-eds. Thou hast crammed my head with Latin, my brain runneth over. Surely goodness and shippiness shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in thy class forever.

THE FABLE OF THE TWO CHESTERFIELD WARMERS

With Due Apologies to G. Ade.
One day of rest it chanced that two potent Sheiks wandered from the paternal domicile, and went their way to the balliwick of a College Sheba, and she was well-known. Uninvited and without warning, at the hour of One, they leaned on the doorbell and were ushered in the Presence. She was surprised and bored, for she was expecting her soul-mate, and the two potent Sheiks were the weeds. Politely she enter-

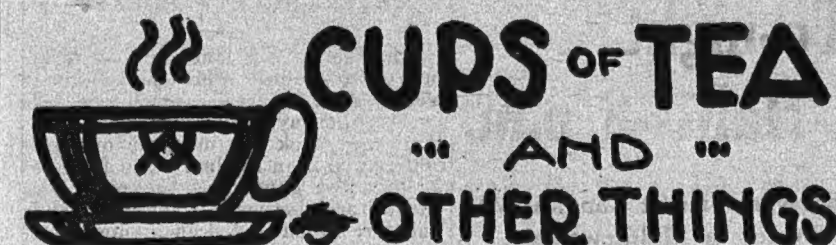
tained for an hour, and the hour was long. Still they lingered, and the hour grew threefold, and Sheba was weary. Then the hour of eats drew nigh, and she with many words and hints, asked them to wield a nasty tea cup. But they declined and kept warm the Chesterfield until the family had supped. Sheba returned to the lingering dumbbells. Then the hour grew old, and she waxed wroth. So she hid herself to the maternal arms for counsel. Then entered the parent, and with grace and tact invited them to try on their hats and coats, and step out on the verandah for air. Then on the potent Sheiks dawned a great light, and they made a hasty retreat. And Sheba rejoiced.

Moral
Parking wears the welcome off the mat.

DR. WALTER SCOTT SPEAKER AT LAW CLUB

A luncheon of the Law Club was held in Athabasca Lounge on Monday, February 11th. Dr. Scott, legal advisor to the Provincial Government, addressed the students present, giving a very illuminating talk on some of the old procedures followed in the 18th and 19th centuries.

They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts.
—Sir Philip Sidney.



The Varsity toboggan slide was the point of attraction for many students on Sunday, who felt that they were sufficiently insured and "ironed" to warrant their indulging in such a thrilling sport. Although the slide is most exciting and enjoyable, great care must be taken in navigating it to prevent accidents. Mr. Frank Halliday was unfortunate enough to wrench his knee when the toboggan which he was steering spilled.

Miss Flora Carson has been called to Calgary owing to the death of her father. The deepest sympathy of all the student body is extended to Flora in her sad bereavement.

Miss Olive Falkins entertained a number of her friends at a delightful birthday party on Saturday evening.

Misses Madge Deane, Phyllis Osborne and Jean Auger are able to resume attendance at lectures after a siege of the flu.

We are glad to welcome Miss Dove Inkster back to Pembina after her long illness in the hospital.

Miss Jean Auger was the hostess at a jolly little supper party on Friday night. In view of the tests the next day the guests left early, despite the fact that two dozen cookies were left unconsumed.

Pembina France

Big daffodils, little daffodils, daffodils singly, daffodils in baskets, gardens of daffodils, made a charming setting to mark one more step in the decadence of masculine power, when the Pembina Seniors entertained Saturday evening at their annual "France." Leap Year dances being few and far between, must of necessity be celebrated with fitting reversal of custom, and so the dashing maidens of Pembina, emboldened by their warlike Wauneta training, escorted the shy and blushing cavaliers of Athabasca and Assiniboia to the scene of the party, found their partners, introduced others, and in every way contrived to allow the boys to taste for one evening of the joys of modern feminine helplessness. Some guests were so true to type as to insist on their hostesses leading in dancing, but many were too cautious.

Miss Dodd received the guests, the guests of honor being Dr. and Mrs. Tory, Dean and Mrs. Kerr, Dean and Mrs. Howes, Dr. Misener, Miss Russell, Dean Rankin and Dean Boyle.

The "Varsity Five" provided a wonderful program of dance music, which proved almost as irresistible to Freshettes and Sophettes above as to the guests below. At 11:30 a delightful supper was served, the hostess being assisted in serving by eight Sophomore girls.

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